

REMARKS

The title has been amended to correspond to the amended claims.

The Examiner has rejected claims 11-20 under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

In response thereto, the Applicant has amended the claims to remove the “plane” terminology.

Claims 11-20 have also been rejected by the Examiner under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention.

Specifically, in claim 20, line 8, the Examiner correctly identifies that the term “class” be “claw”. The Applicant has accordingly amended the claims.

In addition, the Applicant has amended claim 20 to remove the terminology of “claw plane” and “ledge plane” in order to overcome this rejection.

The Examiner has also objected to the terminology of “turnbuckle devices” since it does not fall under the definition of “turnbuckle” as set forth in Random House Unabridge Dictionary. In response, the Applicant has eliminated the term “turnbuckle” in the claims.

All of the claims have been amended to more clearly define the present invention. In particular, independent claim 20 has been amended to define the device for clamping concrete shell elements to one another as including claws which are configured for guiding one another for enabling displacement toward one another along with teeth disposed on one of the claims with the teeth being slanted at an angle ϵ with regard to the clamping direction. The wedge is now defined as being at an angle α with respect to the

clamping direction along with grooves disposed in the wedge for engaging the teeth for causing the displacement of the claws upon movement of the wedge.

Support for this amendment is found in the original specification on page 12, second and third full paragraphs, accordingly, no new matter has been added.

Claim 21 has been added to provide for a plurality of devices and claim 22 has been added which it corresponds to the last element of previously presented in claim 20 which provides for a multiple mounting positions for receiving the devices.

The Examiner has rejected all of the claims under 35 USC 102/103 on the basis of U.S. 3,595,514 to Saunders, U.S. 5,078,360 to Spera, U.S. 4,552,334 to Mosher, U.S. 4,280,677 to Shahr, and further under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over French reference 2,738,859.

The Applicant traverses all of these rejections on the basis of the amended claims.

It is clear that none of the references include the claimed as presently presented. Specifically, none teach or suggest claws which are configured for guiding one another for enabling toward one another along with teeth disposed on one of the claws with the teeth being slanted at an angle with respect to a clamping direction and a wedge disposed through claw openings for displacement of the claws upon movement of the wedge within the openings with the wedge having grooves for engagement of the teeth for causing the displacement of the claws upon movement of the wedge within the openings.

Therefore, the Applicants submit that a prima facie case of obviousness or anticipation cannot be made from the amended claim on the basis of the cited references. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully request the rejections be withdrawn.

In view of the arguments hereinabove set forth and amendment to the claims, it is submitted that each of the claims now in the application define patentable subject matter

not anticipated by the art of record and not obvious to one skilled in this field who is aware of the references of record. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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